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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS HIGHLIGHTS: MAY 23

1. "CARTER IS AN AFRIKANER--YOUNG" AND "YOUNG TICKS OFF RACISTS" ARE THE HEADLINES IN THE ZAMBIAN PRESS OF MAY 23 CARRYING REPORTS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA. THE AMBASSADOR IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT PRSIDENT CARTER "IS AN AFRIKANER. HE COMES OUT WITH THE SAME RURAL HARD NOSED STUFF. HE HAS BEEN DEALING WITH FOLKS LIKE PRIME MINISTER VORSTER ALL HIS LIFE. I THIN YOU HAVE MET YOR MATCH."

2. THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA STATED THAT THE AMBASSADOR WAS WELL
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RECEIVED BY SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS, MADE A POWERFUL ATTACK ON THE WHITE REBEL REGIME AND CRITICIZED BRITAIN AGAIN ON THE RACE ISSUE. HE WARMLY EMBRACED GATSHA BUTHELEZI, LEADER OF A ZULU BANTUSTAN AND JOINED IN SINGING BLACK SOUTH AFRICA S ANTHEM, GOD SAVE AFRICA.

3. THE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL EMPHASIZED CRITICISM OF AMBASSADOR

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YOUNG BY THE BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION (BPC) LEADERS FOR NOT VISITING JAILED AND RESTRICTED BLACK FIGURES IN SOUTH AFRICA. A BPC SPOKESMAN SAID THE ORGANIZATION HAD TURNED DOWN INVITATIONS TO MEET THE AMBASSADOR BECAUSE HE WAS NOT SEEING SUCH PEOPLE AS NELSON MANDELA AND ROBERT SOBUKWE. "AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED YOUNG'S VISIT WILL ONLY BE HELPFUL IF HE HAS DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL THE LEADERS WHO ARE REGARDED AS SUCH BY THE MAJORITY OF OUR PEOPLE."

4. BOTH PAPERS CARRIED BRIEF NOTICES OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S LATE SUNDAY ARRIVAL IN LUSAKA WHERE HE PLEDGED HIS COUNTRY'S SUPPORT FOR ZAMBIA'S EFFORTS AGAINST OIL COMPANIES SUPPLYING FUEL TO REBEL RHODESIA. THE US, HE SAID, WAS ALREADY WORKING ON PLANS, BOTH LEGAL AND PRIVATE, TO PERSUADE COMPANIES INVOLVED TO IMPLEMENT THE OIL EMBARGO.

5. THE ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL ALSO CARRIED A HALF PAGE FEATURE ARTICLE ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG TITLED, "ANDREW YOUNG: HOW HE LEARNED THAT NEGOTIATING WAS BETTER THAN FIGHTIN." THE ARTICLE IS BIOGRAPHICAL AND CONTAINS NO EDITORIAL COMMENT.
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